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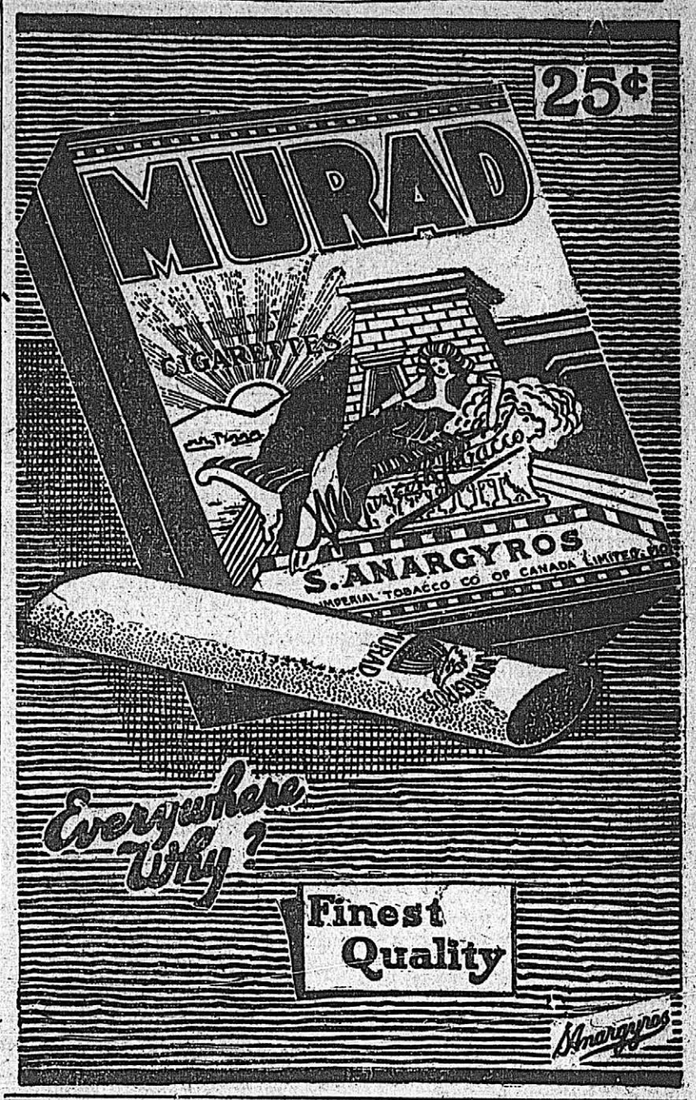
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THE SIX-YEAR MEDICAL COURSE.

A radical change in the medical course at McGill has been openly discussed for some time, but last week it was finally ratified by the Corporation. This decision will put into effect one of the most important changes which have been undertaken for many years, as it means the lengthening by a year of a course of study in which practically one-third of all the students of the university are involved.

Many have looked upon the matter with much disfavour and have predicted results not altogether favorable. No doubt there are certain disadvantages, but it is fairly evident that it will be beneficial both to the student and to the university.

The average youth of to-day enters the university at the age of seventeen or eighteen, and in five years makes his exit a full-fledged Doctor of Medicine, with the absolute power to handle matters in which a human life is at stake. Has he, upon graduation at twenty-two, reached an age where such responsibilities should be allowed to rest upon his shoulders? Another year's practice under the careful guidance of competent surgeons would do much to give him the necessary confidence and technique. Then again, it is questioned whether the youth, upon his matriculation, has secured a sufficiently wide basis upon which to build a medical training, such as is given at McGill. Many students entering the university, especially from the Province of Quebec, show a deplorable lack of fundamental training in such subjects as English, Chemistry, Physics and Biology. The Faculty intends devoting the first year of the course to these subjects alone, which will ensure this necessary preliminary education.

Those who look upon the course with disfavour maintain that instead of lengthening the college course, the matriculation standard should be raised. The point is well taken, but it is impracticable for several quite obvious reasons. One is that the teachers in most of the preparatory schools are incapable of teaching these subjects. Then all schools are not equipped to teach such subjects as chemistry and biology, for which a great deal of laboratory apparatus is required.

The University has men especially trained in these various courses, and, moreover, it can provide the means of doing the necessary practical work connected with them as well.

VICKERS ARE AWARDED LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

At a meeting held last night in the M.A.A.A. Club House it was decided that Vickers should be awarded the championship of the Montreal City Hockey League. It was also proposed that Vickers and Victorias should play a series of two games, the winners of the games issuing a challenge for the Allan Cup. The Victoria team was in favor of this but Vickers were unable to decide before they brought the plan before their hockey executive. Further developments will be made public later.

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In a one-sided contest on Thursday evening the Senior Basketball team defeated the Melville aggregation by a score of 65-10. The game was uninteresting from the start, it being evident that the Melville men were no match for the swift college line-up. The McGill defence was practically impassible and Young and Hyman seemed to score at will. Young put up a fine game throughout, being responsible for 28 points out of the 65 score.

The line-ups were:

McGill—Upham, Montgomery, Kern, Young, Hyman.

Melville—Macfarlane, Milne, Roach, Seaman, Morrison.

The intermediate game was more interesting from a spectator's point of view, both teams starting off strong. During the first period it seemed evident that the teams were very well matched, but the Melville men were unable to stand the pace and were forced to give in to a team in better condition. The intermediates kept up the pace till the end and scored twelve baskets during the second period.

For McGill Brown played a stellar game, being responsible for 10 points, while Laishley was a close second with 8 to his credit.

The intermediate line-up was as follows:

McGill—Rapp, Laishley, Brown, M. Kern, Levitt.

Melville—Hardie, Schade, Campbell, Tyler, Lawrence.

McGILL WILL FIGURE IN M.A.A.A. AQUATICS

In the coming aquatic meet to be held by the M.A.A.A. on the 5th of March, McGill is entering a team. The meet will consist solely of handicap events, so that every man will be given a fair chance of carrying off some trophies. As there are a very large number of valuable prizes open for competition, it is to be hoped that many of them will be won by the McGill team.

The following are some of the events: 40 and 60 yard dashes, relay race (4 men doing 40 yards each), 60 yards back stroke, style diving and long plunge. The tryouts for the McGill team will be held at the Y. M. C. A. bath on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and all men interested in swimming are urged to turn out for these practices. As all the races are to be handicaps it is not necessary for the candidates to be experts. All men who can swim at all decently are very welcome.

For the last three years McGill has been hopelessly outclassed in all swimming contests. This was due, however, to lack of support rather than to lack of good material, and this year especially there are a very large number of good swimmers and divers attending college. So far most of these men have not shown up, but it is to be hoped that they will not fail the college at this time, and will see to it that McGill has a good team to represent it. All men are asked to remember that the tryouts will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from five to half-past six.

R. V. C. SECTION

MISS MARIE SHEDLOCK

Is to Give Lecture to Alumnae Society on Monday

Those interested in the art of story telling are assured a delightful evening next Monday night, when they hear Miss Marie Shedlock lecture on "The Fun and Philosophy of Hans Christian Anderson," in the Assembly Hall of the R.V.C. Miss Shedlock has the ideal personality to interpret that wizard of Fairy Tales, so dear to the hearts of all children. As you hear her talk you feel yourself carried away entirely, and hang on her words with the interest you manifested for the same tales in the days of the nursery. But she has not depended alone on her remarkable talents to interpret correctly the great master. Miss Shedlock has made a special study of Danish, that she might read Hans Anderson's Fairy Stories in the original. Every story has been carefully compared with its Danish counterpart that no fragment of the author's intended meaning be lost.

In the lecture to be given on Monday night, Miss Shedlock, after giving the characteristics and a sympathetic interpretation of Anderson's Fairy Tales, will conclude by telling two complete stories. But besides these, the audience is assured innumerable illustrative anecdotes. Miss Shedlock is bubbling over with anecdotes which she tells with inimitable impersonation. At one moment she speaks in a whisper as she tells of the flower asleep under the snow, at the next she illustrates the effect of the same story heard in hall with poor acoustic properties, and then in a second she is a Chicago reporter out for news—nasal twang and all.

Miss Shedlock is also giving a series of lectures in Stevenson Hall. The subjects of her lectures are posted at the desk in the Redpath Library. The next of the series is to be on "Legends," and will take place on Tuesday at five o'clock. If you wish to be transported to the land of Fairy Tales you are heartily advised to hear Miss Shedlock. All who teach or are intending to teach childen should not lose the opportunity of hearing a mistress of the art of story-telling. The lecture on Hans Anderson is to be given at eight o'clock on Monday night under the auspices of the Alumnae Society.

PUT NAMES UPON OVERSEAS LETTERS

Ottawa, February 21.—A recent order published in militia general orders reads:

"In view of demobilization, all correspondence addressed to troops overseas should be endorsed on the outer cover with the name and address of the sender in order that the communication may be returned in the event of its being undelivered."

The reason for this order is that a great quantity of mail matter is coming back from the front undelivered; the men to whom it was sent have been withdrawn and sent back to Canada; their movements have been comparatively rapid and to a considerable extent difficult to follow; and the militia department, in addition to its other work in connection with demobilization, finds itself called upon to trace the addresses of many thousands of letters and parcels.

People in Canada who comply with this request may save themselves much delay and annoyance, and also will assist the authorities.

NOTICES

Delta Sigma Society

Next Wednesday is to be the "impromptu speaking contest" in the Delta Sigma Society. This is a very important part of the work of the Society, and all members are urged to take part. A list is posted on the R.V.C. notice board, on which all competitors are asked to sign their names. There should be, at least, four competitors from each year.

R.V.C. Glee Club

There will be a meeting of the Glee Club on Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Those anxious to attend the Shakespeare Recital by Miss Edith Wynne Mathison on Monday, March 3rd, at the Ritz-Carlton, are asked to sign their names on the list posted on the R.V.C. notice board. The class in English 5 will be excused on that date if its members wish to hear Miss Mathison. This is an excellent opportunity to hear this famous actress.

MANY MEDS. MADE MERRY MIDST MUSIC

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C. T. Fink, '20, then favored the audience with two appreciated vocal selections.

The toast to The Men Who Went Overseas was proposed by Dr. Blackader in an address which summarized McGill's military effort in the late war, and was appropriately responded to by Dr. J. M. Elder, who has lately returned from the classics, an awakening of the principles of objective observation, and the privilege of individuality. By these principles only is advancement of knowledge possible, and university men have the power of sustaining them, or allowing them to be lost.

G. N. Belyea, '19, responded in appropriate terms.

The evening terminated by a health to our Sister Universities, to which representatives of Laval, Queen's and Toronto replied.

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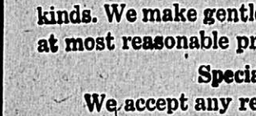
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NOTICES

Philosophical Society.

A meeting of the Philosophical Society of McGill University will be held in Strathcona Hall, on Tuesday evening, February 25. O. Klineberg, Arts '19, will read a paper on "Pragmatism and Science." Pragmatism is a tendency in philosophy which has received a great deal of attention in recent times by eminent thinkers and scientists, striving, as it does, to show scientists the correct methods of research into natural phenomena. Klineberg will endeavour to explain the standpoint of Pragmatism and to examine critically the method which it suggests.

This meeting will be open to students of all Faculties and the R.V.C. and graduates, and the executive of the society extends a hearty invitation to all interested to attend. The subject will be undoubtedly of great interest to all, and Medicine and Science students, as well as Arts, will be particularly interested because of the intimate relation of the subject to the fields of study which are concerned.

Leaders' Gym.

The regular period for Leaders' Gym. Practice at four o'clock to-day, will be postponed on account of the absence of the instructor. The classes will re-open next week, and there will be no delay in getting back into shape after the rest for mid-term exams. The matter of allowing a certain percentage of marks in the finals for physical training is under serious consideration, and this will not only include attendance but efficiency on the floor.

Arts Basketball.

The following men are requested to be at the Central Y.M.C.A. at 2.00 p.m., to-day, to play Science:

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J. Quinlan, Sci. '23, is hereby notified that he is indefinitely suspended by the McGill A. A. A. for playing Hockey on an outside team without the sanction of the above executive.

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Maccabean Circle.

The next regular meeting of the Maccabean Circle will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, at the Coronation Chambers, 121 Bishop Street, at 2.15 p.m. sharp. An interesting programme has been arranged, and all members are requested to attend.

Orchestra.

The next rehearsal of the McGill Students' Orchestra will take place in Strathcona Hall next Wednesday, February 26, at 7.30 p.m.

Arts Freshmen to Debate.

The question of Prohibition is receiving full attention around the Arts Building these days. Commerce has just argued this question out to their satisfaction; but First Year Arts, apparently not satisfied, has decided that a phase of this question be the subject of a debate to be held on Wednesday, 26th, at 12 o'clock. The full title of the debate is: "Resolved, That Beer and Light Wines be Included Among Prohibited Alcoholic Beverages."

Tryouts for the M.A.A.A. Meet.

All swimmers or divers among McGill men are requested to show up at the tryouts for the McGill team which is to be entered in the coming M. A. A. A. handicap aquatic meet.

The tryouts are to be held in the "Y" Tank, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 5.00 to 6.30 o'clock. As the meet is to be purely a handicap one, it is not necessary for the candidates to be crack swimmers.

Turn out, men, and help the college team come out winners.

JUNIOR HOCKEY GAME

The Junior Hockey Team will play Loyola this afternoon, at Notre Dame de Grace.

The following men are requested to be at the Union at 1.30 p.m. sharp:

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ships were lost and 3,000 men killed. Had the British on this occasion but persisted in their efforts they must have won through, for the Turks had exhausted their supply of ammunition. Only five shells were left among seven forts.

The place for landing was decided upon, but the Turks got wind of the attempt and prepared a "hot reception." Cliffs 400 feet high were occupied and fortified by them; concrete trenches were made ready and fitted with machine guns which swept the beach beneath, while the water was filled with barbed wire. The attackers were loaded upon transports and set sail in the evening on their desperate enterprise. They had to carry 80 pounds weight, and their work was to be done entirely with the bayonet. On the 24th of April they started from Mudros and arrived in silence off the coast, where they were met three miles out by a British destroyer, which took the men on board at 4.45. The Australians had to climb down a swaying rope ladder in the dark, laden down with ammunition and provisions, but everything went off without a hitch. On each side of the destroyer were row-boats, each holding sixty men, and pinnaces towed the boats in groups of five.

The boats drew in to within six hundred yards of the shore, but the Turks gave no sign of activity. Gradually the attackers approached to a distance of one hundred yards—still there was no hostile move. Then the boats grounded and the men leaped out into the water. Instantly the shore woke to life, and a sleet of lead smashed men and boats to pieces. The water was up to the necks of the landing party and the losses were fearful. Of the sixty men in Signaller Skeyhill's boat, eighteen only won their way to the land. They met with barbed wire concealed under the surface of the water, but broke their way through it as if it had been cotton thread. As soon as they reached the beach, mines were exploded beneath their feet and many were blown into the air. The Turks, thinking them annihilated, came down from the cliff and a terrible hand-to-hand fight began. The Australians charged with the bayonet and drove the foe back; then, utterly exhausted, they threw themselves down and panted. The heights above were lined with Turks who kept up a deadly fire upon the beach. Twenty thousand of the attackers were killed or wounded on a stretch of two miles of shore.

Recovering their breath, the "Anzacs" raised a shout and rushed at the cliff. They took the first line of trenches and then went to the next. As the supports came up they were knocked off their feet by the bodies of the dead and wounded falling headlong, but nothing could stop them. Finally, a cheer went up—the signal that the Allies had made good their landing on Gallipoli.

At five the next evening the Turks launched a big counter attack, tens of thousands advancing in mass formation. The Australians were short of ammunition, but the battleships came to the rescue, the big guns mowing them down in hundreds. The Turks wavered, and the "Anzacs," advancing, hurled them back in disorder. During the night the Turks kept crawling up on the trenches, through the scrub, and jumping on them. After four days of unsuccessful attacking, the enemy withdrew. Early in May the British, French and Indians tried to connect with the Australians at Ansac, but the attempt was a failure.

On Mohammedan Day the Turks made a great attempt to drive the Australians back, but, unfortunately for them, this was anticipated, and elaborate preparations for their arrival were made. At eleven o'clock they came over, the Turks in advance, followed by the Germans. Firing ten rounds to the minute, the boys crowded the parapet till the enemy, leaving 8,000 dead and wounded on the field, retreated.

In July another attempt was made to connect the two expeditionary forces. Four times the Australians were successful, but four times, due to the superiority in numbers of the enemy, they were driven back. On the 6th of August the big fight began. The troops at Cape Hellers made a fake attack, and the "Anzacs," advancing, attempted to outflank them. The Australians plunged through for three miles. At this stage success seemed certain, as four days were necessary for the Turks to bring up their reserves, and only four miles separated the attackers from the Mediterranean.

Within sight of their objective, due to a blunder on the part of the supporting artillery, the "Anzacs" were unable to cover the distance before the reserves came up.

In September, Kitchener ordered an evacuation, and forthwith began the most remarkable retreat in the history of the war. Each day 20,000 men left the transports only to return the next evening under cover of darkness, so that they were unobserved by the Turks. Similarly, tons of ammunition and stores left the transports by day only to return the following evening. This continued until preparations were complete for the last 20,000 to depart. Guns were placed in position along the parapet and so arranged to be fired mechanically hours after the boys were on board. At 11.30 on the evening of the departure, in the pitch darkness, the men tied themselves together so that no one might be missed, then, kissing the graves of their fallen comrades and saluting the Union Jack, the "Anzacs" completed a retreat which has no parallel in the annals of history. At 2 a.m. every man was safely on board the transports, and the Turks awakened the following morning to find the expeditionary force far out at sea.

Signaller Skeyhill concluded his story with one of the famous poems which he wrote on the evacuation and which we will publish together with several others in a later issue.

THEOLOGS INSTITUTE READING COMPETITION

First Competition Was Held Last Night — Prof. Caldwell Presided

What promises to be an annual affair was instituted last evening in connection with the Co-operating Theological Colleges. It is a reading competition, and is open to all students registered in these colleges. The first competition took place last evening in the Convocation Hall of the Diocesan College, where Professor Caldwell ably presided.

The selections read by the competitors were as follows: Hosea, ch. 14, Milton's Sonnet on his blindness, a selection from Macaulay's essay on Warren Hastings, and an unseen passage.

The men who competed were Messrs. Bennett, de Pinto, Grier, Jackson, Servage and Swan. Acting as judges were Rev. Dr. Heiney, Rev. Dr. Warriner, acting principal of the Congregational College, and Colonel Rexford.

While the judges were absent, conferring as to the relative merits of the competitors, Professor Caldwell treated the students to a delightfully informal and stimulating talk on the qualities which go to make a great preacher. The audience scarcely knew when the judges returned, whether to wish that Dr. Caldwell should continue, or that the decision be announced forthwith.

It was left to Colonel Rexford to announce the decision of the judges. After some remarks "from a layman's point of view," regarding the necessity of good elocution in the pulpit the Colonel announced that the first prize had been awarded to Grier, and second to Servage. Following this statement were brief speeches from Rev. Dr. Heiney, and Rev. Professor Gordon, the latter of whom was seated among the audience. At the close Acting Principal Warriner, Dean of joint Faculty of the several colleges, announced that a speaking competition would take place in the same hall a week from that evening at eight o'clock.

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There will be a Basketball Practice, this afternoon, at five o'clock, at the Central Y.M.C.A. The following men are asked to turn out:

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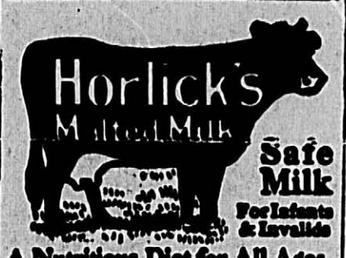
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